

# Appendix B

## INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER RECORD SHEET REGISTRATION SERVICE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 216 Date 2/15/90

Full name MARTIN J. COMER  
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City BANGOR State MAINE ZIP Code 04401

Date of Birth about 1941 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 44 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Education \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Race WHITE

Color of hair \_\_\_\_\_ Color of eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding characteristics or interests FORMER U.S. POSTAL SERVICE EMPLOYEE, MEDWAY, ME.  
RECENT BANGOR TAXI CO. DRIVER

Married or single \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting connections: \_\_\_\_\_ Chartered organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit No. TR 56 City MEDWAY State ME.

Position SCOUTMASTER Date registered 2/28/78 Date resigned 2/28/80

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: NEVER SUSPENDED, WENT TO CALIF. IN 1980 OR SO. RECENTLY APPEARED IN NEWSPAPER LISTED AS A FORMER BOY SCOUT LEADER. AWAITING TRIAL ON

SPECIFY THE FACTS THAT LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION): SEXUAL ABUSE IN JAN 1970

**APPROVED**  
JUN 13 1990

Signed Kenneth E. Zalesky  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council KATAHDIN AREA.

HASN'T BEEN REGISTERED IN SCOUTING 7N

**CONFIDENTIAL** 10 YEARS. NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED BUT SHOULD BE IN THE FILE.

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CONF005611

June 14, 1990

Mr. Kenneth E. Liberty  
Scout Executive  
Katahdin Area Council, No. 216

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Martin J. Comer

Dear Ken:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY TO FILE  
JUN 14 1990  
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF005612

# Former Bangor Boy Scout leader draws six-month jail term

By Margaret Warner  
Of the NEWS Staff

A former Bangor Boy Scout leader received a six-month jail term Friday in Bangor for assaulting two boys and giving a tranquilizer to one of them.

The sentencing of Martin Comer, 45, culminated a lengthy late-afternoon hearing during which Comer, who pleaded guilty in January, denied committing the crimes and disputed many of the terms of a plea agreement.

The stepmother of one of the victims also lashed out at Comer in an emotional speech during a hearing in Penobscot County Superior Court that went long past court's usual closing time.

Justice Eugene Beaulieu suspended all but six months of a two-year sentence he ordered for Comer, who may go free anyway

because he has already served the time while awaiting resolution of his case.

He also ordered three years of probation, and required Comer to receive counseling and substance-abuse treatment, submit to drug- and alcohol-testing, and avoid unsupervised contact with children. Comer protested all the conditions.

Comer sought unsuccessfully last month to withdraw his guilty plea to a felony charge of furnishing drugs to a minor and two misdemeanor charges of assault, both of which were reduced during plea negotiations from unlawful sexual contact.

On Friday, he and Perry O'Brian, the second lawyer appointed to his case, both wanted O'Brian to withdraw from the case. Beaulieu rejected that request until after sentencing to

avoid having another lawyer duplicate O'Brian's work at state expense.

But the judge allowed Comer about 45 minutes before the sentencing hearing to recite a chronology of the case and his working relationship with O'Brian. During his speech, he spoke of his treatment for mental illness, attacked the handling of the case and called Penobscot County District Attorney R. Christopher Almy "pretty slimy."

After he sentenced Comer, Beaulieu agreed to replace O'Brian with another lawyer to help Comer with his planned appeal.

Almy, calling Comer "a dangerous person," pressed for "a substantial sentence" and invited the younger victim's stepmother to speak.

"I didn't come today to say

anything. I came to get a look at Mr. Comer so that if he's on the street tomorrow, I'll know what he looks like," said the stepmother. "He has talked about stress and anxiety. He doesn't know anything about stress and anxiety until he's been where those little boys are. ... He called the DA slimy, yet he stands before us today on these charges."

In response, Comer spoke of having led the "biggest Scout troop in Bangor" — one that included Deputy District Attorney Michael P. Roberts among its members — and recounted an exemplary work record that also caught the judge's notice.

He described his two-year relationship with the younger of the victims, whom he said had "no more problems than any other 10- (or) 11-year-old."

But, he said, "Upon a jury tri-

al, I can prove that (the youngster) tried to get into my drug before."

Comer befriended the two boys last summer and took the youngsters, who lived in single-parent homes in his New Capeh neighborhood, on camping and fishing trips and had them over to his house.

During one camping trip, according to official accounts, Comer gave Valium to a younger boy, a 10-year-old, who later told his mother that Comer also had touched him sexually. The other boy, a 12-year-old, also told his mother of Comer's contact with him.

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March 14, 1990

Mr. Kenneth E. Liberty  
Scout Executive  
Katahdin Area Council, No. 216

5/7/90  
PER YOUR  
REQUEST  
K.E. LIBERTY

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Martin J. Comer

Dear Ken:

I appreciate the Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet and the news article concerning the above named individual. These are most helpful as we start a file which will lead to refusal of registration in the future.

We would like to have the outcome of the legal action related to the sexual abuse charges, once it has been completed. If we have the newspaper clipping or court record indicating the final decision and any sentencing, this would then give us a strong file which will enable us to refuse registration anywhere in the country.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF005614

March 14, 1990

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MAR 15 1990

A. GRAVES

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Katahdin Area Council, No. 216

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CONF005615

1/17/90

## Judge revokes bail in sexual contact case

A man awaiting trial on charges of child sexual abuse went to jail Tuesday after a judge heard testimony that he had approached young boys and had been drinking in violation of a bail condition.

Martin J. Comer, 44, of Bangor, a former Boy Scout leader, was indicted in October on two counts of unlawful sexual contact and one count of assault. He was freed on bail on conditions that included avoiding alcoholic beverages and having no unsupervised contact with minors.

A former U.S. Postal Service employee, Comer recently has worked for a Bangor taxi company.

A boy who volunteers for the Salvation Army testified that, as he was tending a kettle used to collect donations outside the Bangor Mall, Comer approached him and asked him to watch his taxi while he went inside. Comer left the boy his business card, said the youth, and said to call him after getting his mother's permission and maybe they could do something together.

Nancy Toner of Bangor testified that Comer had responded to an advertisement she had placed seeking a baby sitter for her four sons and had called her persistently about the job. At one point he went to her house, she said, speaking to her sons in the yard before entering.

Comer admitted that he had suggested that the Salvation Army youth contact him, but stressed that it was only with his mother's permission. He testified that he first had the impression that the baby-sitting job involved helping the mother after school, and that he decided independently not to pursue it when he realized it would mean he would have unsupervised contact with the children.

He admitted taking a drink while free on bail, but said that his understanding of the bail condition was that he not drink to excess.

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